



NEWSLETTER
TERM 4
WEEK 2 2018

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 30th October	Governing Council Mtg 7pm
Friday 2nd November	Principal's Tour 9:30am Assembly 2:30pm Hosts Rms 6 & 8
Friday 9th November	Marine Discovery Excursion Rm 4
Friday 16th November	Assembly 2:30pm Hosts Rms 9 & 14
Mon—Fri 26th-30th November	Swimming Week Foundation to Year 5
Monday 3rd December	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday 11th December	Volunteers Morning Tea
Thursday 13th December	Year 7 Graduation

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Room 13 News

In our classroom, we have set up a recycling station. Every time a student has some 'waste' they make a decision about where to place it.

The choices in our class are:

1. 10c container recycling bin - we save our money for our end of year party. So far we have raised \$115, which is 1150 containers.
2. Paper recycling - which also includes clean lunch bags.
3. Food Waste bin - food scraps and tissues. Our lucky chickens get some scraps too. Ms Coulthard's class collect the bins and off they go for composting.
4. Soft plastics - The most exciting part of our learning has been discovering that soft plastics can be recycled. Examples of soft plastics are cling wrap, zip lock bags, chip packets and bar wrappers. Each week Ms Sands takes these soft plastics to Coles where REDCYCLE bins are found.

Recycling is so important. If everyone does a little bit, the future for our kids will be better.



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to term 4, wow the year is flying by!

Enterprise Week

Congratulations to all our entrepreneurs, the students who made and sold their food items, craft items and games last week, with the support of their families. The days were highly successful and the stalls had such a variety of well-made goods. The staff and I were so impressed with all their efforts and good business learning. Thank you to all the parents for the support.

Congratulations

Emily Parsons, year 7, has been selected into the state SAPSASA girls' cricket team. This is a wonderful achievement and we wish Emily all the best in the national event in WA and her future cricket.

Patrizia Udycz has been awarded the Charles Sturt Council Josiah Mitton award for Flinders Park PS's most outstanding all-round student for 2018. We are very proud of all that Patrizia has achieved in her learning, and the amount of community service she has been involved in at school.

Class Placements – Very Important to Read

We will soon be spending a lot of time placing students into their 2019 classes. At present, we have not yet confirmed the configuration of classes (number of classes and what year levels in each) – it is always a big jigsaw puzzle depending on numbers in each year level, gender numbers, number of classes and teachers, and the best structure that suits the most teachers and students.

Once this decision is made, teachers will spend a lot of time making up the classes. ***If you have anything that you wish us to consider for the education and care of your child, please email me or write a letter to me. A comment to your current child's teacher is not enough – it needs to be in writing addressed to the Principal. Please do not name teachers.*** We will consider this information, and we will try to accommodate reasonable requests, but we cannot promise that we will be able to accommodate everything. We ask students to nominate 3 friends of their year level, but we can only assure them of 1. If there are issues afterwards, after the classes are made up, then it is very hard or almost impossible to change children around as there is a domino effect for other children, and numbers in classes, it is almost impossible to change.

All teachers try very hard to consider all students as they know them, and they know each child very well. This is a very hard exercise and we always try our best in all ways.

Grievance Procedures and Meetings with Teachers

If you have a concern about your child or their learning, and wish to discuss this with your child's teacher, please make a time to meet with the teacher. Please do not try to speak with your child's teacher in the mornings or after school without making an appointment. In the mornings, teachers are preparing for the day and talking with their students; and after school, they are attending meetings, planning the next day and packing up. Teachers are very happy to meet and chat, resolve concerns, answer questions, whatever you wish to discuss; but they need an appointment made so that they make the time and are properly prepared, and have no other students around.

An appointment with the teacher can be made via email to the teacher, or via the school phone. This is all documented in our school grievance procedures.

Leaving at the end of this year

If you know that your child(ren) will be leaving at the end of this year, please complete the tear-off slip in the newsletter and return to the Office.

Kind regards

Judy Anderson

Principal

FESTIVAL OF MUSIC CHOIR—YEARS 5-7

Last term Flinders Park Primary School had a small but dedicated and determined team of 15 students who performed at the Festival Theatre (pictured). Our group represented our school values extremely well and received excellent feedback from the choir conductor and concert manager.



The Festival of Music choir is a great opportunity for students, as evidenced by students choosing to participate in choir for multiple years. Congratulations to Patrizia and Soraya for their three consecutive years of participation—what an amazing commitment!

I'd like to say a huge well done on an excellent performance and congratulations to all participating students, and look forward to beginning rehearsals for the 2019 concert in Term 1 of next year.

Stephen Birch
Choir Trainer

STUDENT ENTERPRISE DAYS

This year as a student leadership group we decided to hold enterprise days where children could make and sell their own products. We had 96 students who participated in the two days with 44 stalls.



Altogether we raised \$1600 half of which went back to the students and the other half was donated to the RSPCA. This charity was chosen by the students who were involved and we couldn't be happier to help them out.

CANTEEN SPECIAL

Jelly and Cookies Special

For one day only—Wednesday 31st October

Cookies—\$1 each Large Jelly—\$1 each Small Jelly—50c

Available until sold out, so get in quick for your special treat



SPORTS UPDATE

School Basketball and Cricket Competitions.

We regret to advise that due to a lack of students willing to participate in school basketball and cricket this term, we will not be entering teams into the leagues. We will endeavor to seek interest again in school sports next year.
Mr K.

Leaving Flinders Park Primary School

I wish to advise that my child(ren) _____

will not be returning to Flinders Park Primary School in 2019.

Reason for leaving _____

Parents signature _____ Date _____

PARENTS: DOES ANY OF THIS SOUND FAMILIAR?

- Your child: often worries/ gets anxious
- Gets frustrated easily or struggles with instructions
- Has difficulty with friends or at school
- May be diagnosed with ASD, anxiety, ADHD or another disorder but regardless often *finds life tough going.*

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